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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
8 KC, INDEPENDENCE MEN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that eight area residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms and ammunition. Today's indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Joshua V. Hambleton**, 33, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon and an illegal user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Hambleton**, having previous felony convictions, illegally possessed a Lorcin .380-caliber pistol on Aug. 17, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Hambleton**, being an unlawful user of methamphetamine, illegally possessed a Lorcin .380-caliber pistol on Aug. 17, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Kenneth L. Williams**, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Williams**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle on Aug. 26, 2005. Under federal

law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Timothy L. Freilinger**, 45, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Freilinger**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Sturm Ruger .22-caliber pistol on May 22, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Shondell E. Ingram**, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Ingram**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a New England Arms .32-caliber revolver on Aug. 21, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Joshua E. Boyles**, 18, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Boyles**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun on April 29, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Darrell P. Lawson**, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Lawson**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Freedom Arms .22-caliber revolver on June 5, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Anthony S. Conaway**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Conaway**, having previous criminal felony convictions, illegally possessed a Ruger 9 mm pistol on July 23, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Arnulfo T. Camacho**, 24, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury with being a subject of a valid court order illegally in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Camacho**, a subject of a valid court order of protection, illegally possessed a Bryco .380-caliber pistol on Aug. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any subject of a court order to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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